

Bill Provides CIA Vacation Travel Pay

A bill authorizing the government to pay travel expenses for periodic vacations of Central Intelligence Agency personnel was on its way today to the House Rules Committee.

The measure would permit payment of round-trip expenses for an agent and his family between a "hardship" post and "other locations having different environmental conditions."

According to Philip W. Kelleher, counsel of the House Armed Services Committee, the bill "is an attempt to provide CIA personnel in overseas stations with the general benefits that are given to State Department personnel who are geographically located in the same areas."

Kelleher said the 21-section legislative package is designed to help agents get away from the strain of "unpleasant and unhealthy stations" and allow them to return to their jobs refreshed.

The bill, passed in closed session Tuesday by the Armed Services Committee, would permit such trips once every two years or twice every three years. The time spent on the vacations would be deducted from the employee's regular leave quota.

The bill also includes enhanced medical and retirement benefits. Kelleher said the Senate Armed Services Committee has not yet acted on the measure.

HOUSE PANEL VOTES C.I.A. BENEFITS BILL

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9 (UPI) — The House Armed Services Committee approved Tuesday increased fringe benefits for personnel of the Central Intelligence Agency, including subsidized vacations for them and their families.

The committee voted in closed session to send to the House floor legislation revising personnel policies for the agency. Improved retirement and medical benefits made up the bulk of the bill.

Also included was a provision to enhance life for C.I.A. employees serving overseas at so-called "hardship" posts. It would authorize the Government to pay travel expenses for the agent and members of his family for periodic vacations.

The agent, according to the bill, would vacation in a locale where he could relax and get away from the "conditions" that prompted the need for relaxation. The time spent would be deducted from the employee's regular leave quota. He would be permitted such trips once every two years or twice every three years.